

Knoxville College's legacy will forever be tied to his devotion.

A TRIBUTE TO NAJEE J.  
HENDERSON

**HON. EDOLPHUS TOWNS**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, November 16, 2010*

Mr. TOWNS. Madam Speaker, I rise today in recognition of Najee J. Henderson for his achievement of the rank of Eagle Scout.

In earning the rank of Eagle Scout, the highest rank attainable in the Boy Scouts, Najee J. Henderson completed a service project that he planned, organized, and provided leadership for. His project involved educating the community on testicular and prostate cancers. In addition, Najee has demonstrated Scout Spirit, leadership, and advanced skills and knowledge in various subjects by earning a number of Merit Badges.

Najee has demonstrated that he is a positive role model, and has provided an example for younger Boy Scouts to follow.

The skills that Najee has acquired through his experience are valuable skills that will serve him well for many years.

Madam Speaker, I urge my colleagues to join me in recognizing the achievements Najee J. Henderson.

A TRIBUTE IN HONOR OF THE  
HONORABLE WARREN SLOCUM

**HON. ANNA G. ESHOO**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, November 16, 2010*

Ms. ESHOO. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the life's work of the Honorable Warren Slocum, San Mateo County's Chief Elections Officer and County Clerk-Recorder-Assessor, who is retiring after more than two decades of extraordinary service to the County.

There's an old expression that "the people who vote count, as well as the people who count the votes." Warren Slocum counted the votes. He counted them for 23 years, always keenly aware of the importance of both the voters and the counters to the functioning of our government. Warren Slocum has been, quite simply, the man behind the machinery of our great democracy.

Long before becoming that man, Warren Slocum was a soldier and a student. He enlisted in the Army and served in Vietnam, returning to attend San Diego State University on the G.I. Bill, and graduating with Honors in History in 1972. He later pursued graduate studies at San Diego State and Stanford University and worked in the private sector before embarking on his storied public service career.

Rising from Elections Supervisor to Assistant County Clerk and Recorder, Warren Slocum was elected County Clerk-Recorder in 1986, and Chief Elections Officer and County Clerk-Recorder-Assessor in 1993. Warren Slocum's office gave him the longest official title in the County and some of the greatest responsibilities. He managed up to 2,500 staff and an annual budget of \$24 million, over-

seeing the conduct of all elections and voter registration, the valuation of property, and the recording of official documents, including birth, death, and marriage certificates.

Warren Slocum pledged and delivered the highest quality service, guaranteeing integrity and access in the voting process, promoting civic literacy and participation, and providing accurate assessments and first-rate record keeping. Under his leadership, overall office expenditures were reduced by 20%, making millions of dollars available for other programs. Warren Slocum's colleagues have recognized his tireless efforts by selecting him to head countless professional associations. The San Mateo County Economic Development Association has hailed his work as "an example of responsiveness, efficiency and action by an elected official and government office which should be the model for all public agencies."

Throughout his service, Warren Slocum never stopped seeking better solutions. A self-proclaimed "public sector entrepreneur," Warren Slocum brought the spirit of Silicon Valley to his many endeavors, making the San Mateo County Clerk-Recorder-Assessor's office the most committed to innovation in the nation. In 1992, and with no supplemental appropriations, he converted the old lever voting machines to a cutting-edge optical scan system, and followed up in subsequent years with an extraordinary display of innovation and modernization. He co-founded the Smart Voter Project, which provides sample ballots and voter information online, and he was the first in California to implement electronic recording. He created the "Wedding Cam" system, allowing friends and relatives to view civil ceremonies on the Web. His blog was the very first on the subject of election reform and verified voting, and his expertise on these matters led him to become a leading voice on high-tech voting in the New York Times, the Wall Street Journal, MSNBC, and NPR.

Warren Slocum's well-deserved retirement will give him more time with his wife Maria Diaz and their two sons, and for his many hobbies, which include hiking, kayaking, golfing, reading, and playing the piano. Knowing Warren Slocum, however, he won't stop moving. He once swam the "Escape from Alcatraz" race, finishing 286 out of nearly 1,000 swimmers. No doubt, even in retirement, there are more impressive efforts in his future.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring the extraordinary work of Warren Slocum and wish him a retirement filled to the brim with good health and many new adventures. Warren says he was raised to believe that one person can make a difference, and he has been working all his life to do just that. The creativity and accountability he has brought to the County Clerk-Recorder-Assessor's office, and the deep integrity and abiding respect for our system of government, have made Warren Slocum a model County official, and a man we could count on to count right. I count myself blessed to know this dedicated public servant who has done so much to make our democracy flourish, and has strengthened our community and our country in countless ways.

IN RECOGNITION OF CHARLES W.  
"CHARLIE" MEYERS, SR.

**HON. JACKIE SPEIER**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, November 16, 2010*

Ms. SPEIER. Madam Speaker, I rise to honor the memory of Charles W. Meyers, a native San Franciscan, who passed away recently. He is survived by his beloved wife, Alene, and his daughters Charlene and Geraldine and his son, Charles "Chip" Meyers.

Charlie, who enlisted in the U.S. Army in 1942, served 20 years in the State Assembly where he admirably represented San Francisco. First elected at age 24, he was one of the youngest men to be seated in the State Legislature. He chaired several key committees and distinguished himself in his work on protecting water quality, especially in the Bay Area. He was a staunch opponent of filling in tidelands and he won key protections for the right of cities and counties to exercise control over the location of highways and freeways. He was a great consumer advocate, authoring laws to toughen penalties for product trademark counterfeiting while cracking down on unscrupulous car mechanics and tow truck operators.

He was a member of a wide variety of service organizations, including the Knights of Columbus, Native Sons of the Golden West, Guadalupe Parlor, the San Francisco Friars Club, the Disabled American Veterans, the San Francisco Bay Area Emerald Society and he was a charter member of the United Irish Cultural Center. In 2006, he was honored as the San Franciscan of the year by the San Francisco Forum, and the following year the University of San Francisco recognized him for his many years of public service. He will be sorely missed as will his infectious smile and the ease at which he would break into laughter. Of course, his annual crab feed was legendary as were the phone calls he would make on behalf of the causes he supported.

Madam Speaker, I ask that this body join me in a moment of silence for a tireless public servant who has left us with fond memories of a life well lived.

CELEBRATING THE 150TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE ALL SAINTS  
ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

**HON. ALLYSON Y. SCHWARTZ**

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, November 16, 2010*

Ms. SCHWARTZ. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor and congratulate All Saints Roman Catholic Church on its momentous 150th Anniversary. The history of All Saint, located in Bridesburg, in Northeast Philadelphia, is the chronicle of a dedicated group of faithful parishioners determined to establish a spiritual home. The founding families were immigrants seeking to build a congregation where language was not a barrier. In 1860, a shortage of priests and a scarcity of money to buy land to build a church challenged the founders' efforts. These adversities were overcome with the help of His Grace, Father James F. Wood, Archbishop of Philadelphia, who requested